

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8, 13-16 and 24-25 are pending, Claims 9-12, 17-23 and 26-29 having previously been canceled.

In the outstanding Office Action Claims 24-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; and Claims 1-8, 13-16 and 24-25 were rejected as being anticipated by Gruber et al. (U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0029179, hereinafter Gruber).

In reply, Applicants traverse the rejection of Claims 24 and 25. The claim language of Claim 24, for example, requires that the content data is added to user information corresponding to a user who provides the content. A service charge for supplying said content is charged to said user information. The Office Action finds this language odd because someone who provides content usually is not charged for the same. However, Applicants note that it would be the service offering the venue (the computer resources) that provides an opportunity for which the content can be presented to third parties. Thus, the content provider who would benefit from the service because it gives an opportunity for third parties to contribute contribution data the content provider. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 24 and 25 comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. However, if the Examiner still disagrees, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that mutually agreeable claim language may be identified.

Filed herewith, is an accurate translation of Japanese Priority Document JP 2000-097884. The filing date of this priority document was March 30, 2000, which is prior to the December 12, 2000, 102(e) date of Gruber. As the priority document provides support for the presently pending claims, it is respectfully submitted that the filing of the translation of the Japanese priority document hereby perfects priority. Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that Gruber is not prior art with regard to the presently claimed invention.


In view of the foregoing comments, and in light of the following filing of the Japanese priority document, it is respectfully submitted that the invention defined by Claims 1-8, 13-16 and 24-25, is definite and patentably distinguishing over the prior art. The present application is therefore believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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